

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2007
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on September 26, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the State Capitol, Room 112 in Sacramento, CA.

Members Present: Quentin Kopp, Chairman
Donna Andrews
Rod Diridon, Sr.
Fran Florez
Kirk Lindsey
Lynn Schenk
TJ Stapleton
David Crane
Curt Pringle

Opening Comments

Chairman Kopp welcomed Board Members to today's meeting. Chairman Kopp requested that due to a couple of member of the board not having arrived at the beginning of the board meeting, the closed session be held at the end of the agenda items for today's meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for the following Authority Meetings:

Chairman Kopp presented the minutes from the June 27, 2007 meeting for approval. Member Florez moved to approve the meeting minutes Member Lindsey seconded, which carried 7-0.

Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation

Chairman Kopp presented the list of meetings for compensation for approval. Member Pringle moved to approve the list of meetings for compensation, Member Stapleton seconded, which carried 7-0.

Member Reports

Chairman Kopp reported in July 23-25, 2007 a delegation of Board Members consisting of Chairman Kopp, Member Lynn Schenk, Member Rod Diridon and Member David Crane, met with members of Congress in Washington, D.C. with the assistance of the HSR Congressional Advocate Mark Kadesh.

Chairman Kopp reported all Public Hearings scheduled in late August and early September was well received and covered by the media.

Chairman Kopp reported a memorandum sent from himself to the Board regarding private communications about the Draft EIR/EIS. Chairman Kopp

reported a cautionary letter from Deputy Attorney General George Spanos was also sent out to the Board.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Morshed reported HSR finally received a budget of \$20.7M. Executive Director Morshed reported that because of budget delay contractors were on hold for approximately 2 months. Executive Director Morshed also reported approximately \$15M of the funds were not readily available.

Executive Director Morshed reported that with the funds currently available the contractors and consultants have started to move forward. The funds will be used to continue the Bay Area to Central Valley EIR/EIS, continue work on the financing plan, pay for the Project Manager contract and outreach programs, and continue the environmental work in the Anaheim to Los Angeles corridor.

Executive Director Morshed reported that the Authority has submitted a proposed budget for the 08/09 fiscal year to Department of Finance for \$145 M for the environmental and engineering work needed to move the project forward.

Executive Director Morshed reported that the Authority has been going through the public hearing process for the draft Bay Area to Central Valley EIR/EIS. Staff has received several requests for time extensions due the size of the environmental document. Executive Director Morshed recommended that the Board extend the deadline for submittal of comment to noon on October 26, 2007. Member Schenk moved to approve the extension Member Lindsey seconded, which carried 9-0.

Allen Miller, Train Riders Association of California

Mr. Miller reminded the board that many of the agencies that requested the extension are not-for-profit and have small staff that would need to go through the large amounts of data contained in the document. Mr. Miller requested that the deadline for submittal of comment be extended.

Member Schenk moved to approve the extension Member Lindsey seconded, which carried 9-0.

Executive Director Morshed recommended that the October board meeting be cancelled and a November 14, 2007 and December 19, 2007 board meeting be scheduled. This would allow staff to have the opportunity to begin reviewing the submitted comments.

Program Manager's Report

Tony Daniels reported Program Managers, along with Authority staff are working together to establish a program for the next fiscal year that will help the project move forward. Mr. Daniels also reported PM's goal to complete the EIR/EIS for the Bay Area- Central Valley.

Mr. Daniels reported the need to finalize a master schedule for the regional consultants along with a master schedule for the overall project.

Financing Plan Briefing

Sasha Page from Infrastructure Management Group provided a briefing on the scope of activities proposed for the 2007/08 fiscal year.

A draft letter to the Attorney General has been submitted to the board for review. Executive Director Morshed recommended that the board approve the letter for Chair Kopp's signature. Member Diridon moved to approve the proposed financial letter for signature, Member Schenk seconded, which carried 9-0.

General Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was also provided during each public agenda item.

The Authority convened in closed session pertaining to Government Code Section 11126, subdivision (a)(1), returned to open session and adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25

A public hearing to receive comment on the Draft Bay Area to Central Valley HST Program EIR/EIS was held immediately after the Authority meeting adjourned in Room 112, State Capitol. In addition, members of the public were able to provide the Authority written comments on the Draft EIR/EIS. The public hearing for receipt of comment on the Draft EIR/EIS was conducted by Authority staff and was not an Authority board meeting.